

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20, 21, 25-29, 31-36, 38, 41, 45, and 50 have been amended. Claims 1-18, 20-29, 31-41, and 45-51 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the 5 rejections be withdrawn and the application be forwarded on to issuance.

Interview Summary

Applicant's Representative, Mark Niemann, wishes to thank Examiner Nicholas Augustine for the telephone interview conducted on September 24th, 2009.

10 During the interview, in the interest of advancing prosecution and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant's Representative and the Examiner discussed proposed amendments to place the case in condition for allowance. After the interview, Applicant's Representative sent proposed amendments to the Examiner. Examiner Augustine indicated that these 15 amendments, if entered, would overcome the rejections of record. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1-18, 20, 21, 25-29, 31-36, 38, 41, 45, and 50 in a manner that is consistent with the proposed amendments sent to Examiner Augustine, and submits that claims 1-18, 20-29, 31-41, and 45-51 are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests a phone call if the Examiner believes that there 20 are any further issues that might delay issuance.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowability. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability,

5 Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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